IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Martin RICHARD, Pascal HILAIRE, Nathalie PINEAU, Lionel BRETON

Application No.: U.S. National Stage

of PCT/FR99/02043 10/049,552

Filed: February 14, 2002

Docket No.: 111968

For: USE OF BACTERIAL EXTRACTS FROM THE FAMILY PSEUDOMONADACEAE

AS COSMETIC AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, but after entry of the annexes to the IPER, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title as follows:

USE OF BACTERIAL EXTRACTS FROM THE FAMILY PSEUDOMONADACEAE AS

COSMETIC AGENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 16-35 as follow:

--16. A cosmetic treatment method applied to combat ageing of skin, including photoageing, to improve appearance and tonicity of dry skin, to preserve or improve skin elasticity, and/or to improve appearance of skin which exhibits a local inflammatory reaction, said method comprising a step of applying an extract of at least one bacterium from the

Pre andt mw